

Regional Interagency Executive Committee

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Memorandum

Date: October 18, 2010

To: Regional Interagency Executive Committee (see attached list)

From: /s/ Mary Wagner, Chair, Regional Interagency Executive Committee

Subject: **Regional Interagency Executive Committee Meeting Notes from August 31, 2010**

This memorandum transmits summary meeting notes from the August 31, 2010 Regional Interagency Executive Committee (RIEC) meeting.

15 Year Monitoring Report

At our August RIEC meeting, the Interagency Monitoring Team presented a briefing on key findings in the 15 Year Effectiveness Monitoring Report. We noted that the report represents 15 years of sustained interagency monitoring efforts – an important milestone in implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP). As follow-up to the presentation, the Senior Manager's Group (SMG) will work with the Interagency Monitoring Team to address recommendations, review and adjust protocols as needed, and coordinate on the 2011 monitoring budget. Given the potential magnitude of 2011 budget implications, the SMG will re-engage with the RIEC on key decisions regarding the monitoring budget and interagency monitoring efforts.

NWFP Framework for Revising Plans

The SMG provided draft examples of guiding principles that could be helpful during agency plan revision and consultation processes. The RIEC was supportive of the initial drafts and provided constructive comments. The SMG was tasked with completing a draft product for RIEC review at the end of this calendar year.

Follow-up to the Western Oregon Task Force Final Report

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) described their initial conversations with the US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution and provided an update on the status of the draft interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on BLM Forest Management in Western Oregon. We expect to learn more about the substance of the agreement when the MOU is finalized. The RIEC will schedule a conference call on this topic within two weeks after the final MOU is distributed.

Organizational Issues

The SMG reviewed the increasing workload placed on them and on the remaining Regional Ecosystem Office representatives; they will stay apprised of workload issues and engage the RIEC on this topic as needed. They will also work to update the RIEC Charter for review at our next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next RIEC meeting will be in January or February, 2011. At that time, the role of RIEC Chair will rotate back to the Bureau of Land Management, and Ed Shepard will serve as Chair.

If you have questions regarding these notes or the next meeting, please contact Becky Gravenmier at (503-808-2851) or your REO Representative. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Attachment: RIEC distribution list

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